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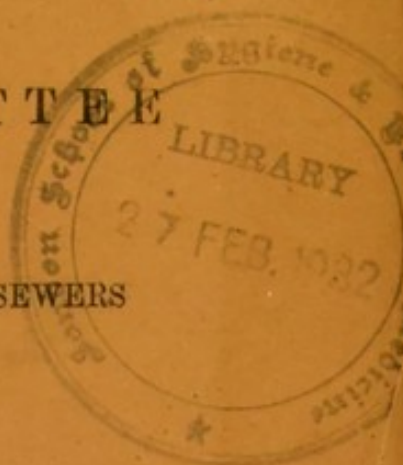
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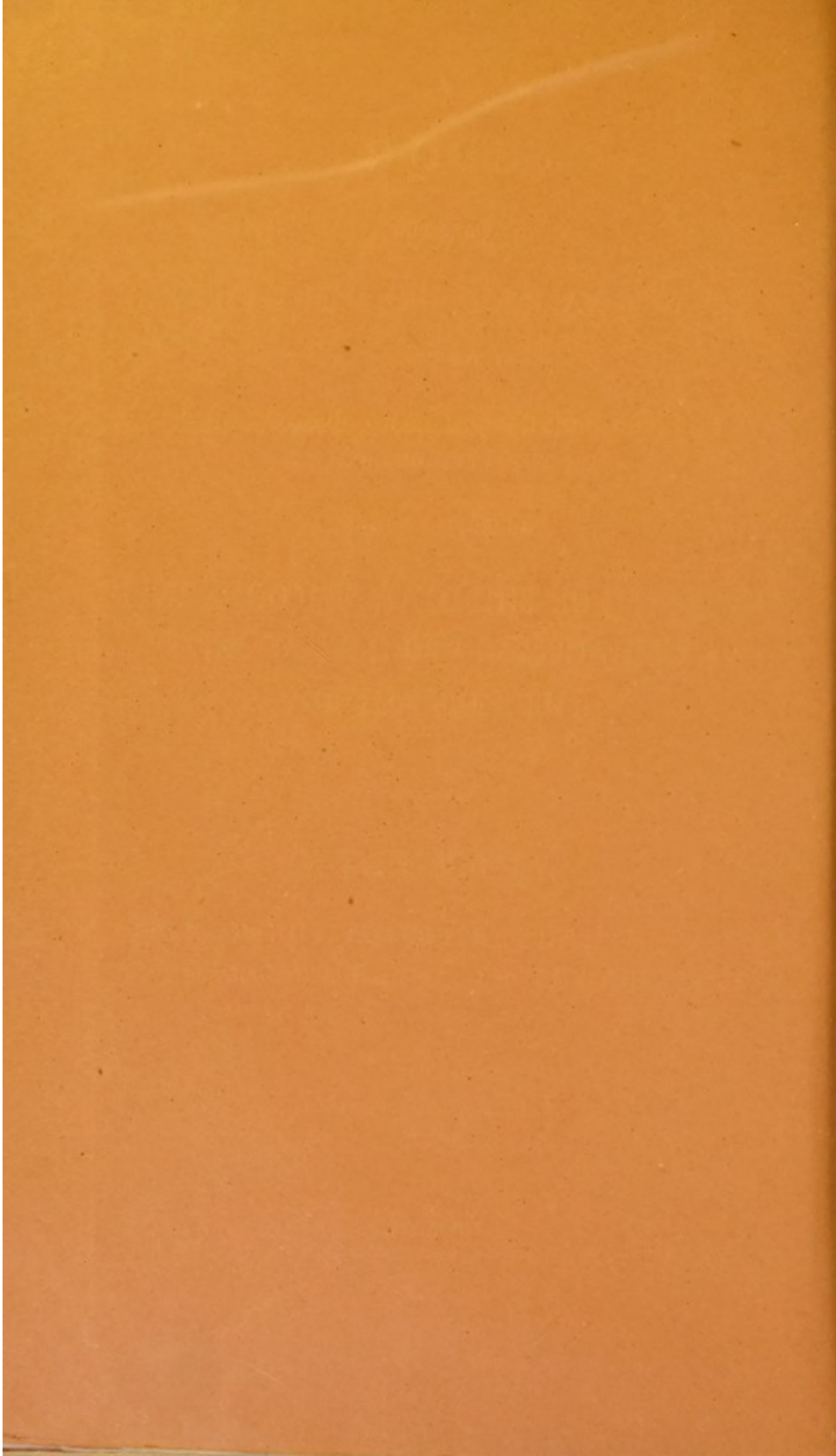
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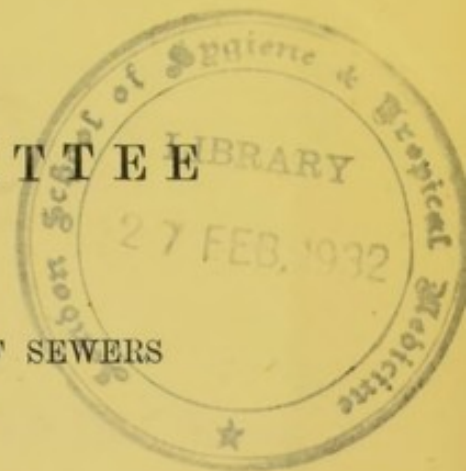
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REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE

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FOR THE

YEAR 1861



*At a Meeting of the Commissioners of  
Sewers of the City of London, held at  
the Guildhall, on Tuesday, the 11th  
day of September, 1877,*

WHINFIELD HORA, ESQ., DEP., IN THE CHAIR.

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A Report from the SANITARY COMMITTEE (EDWARD EYRE ASHBY, Esq., Deputy-Chairman), dated this day, was read—

On the subject of disposing of the Meat, &c., condemned in the City of London as unfit for human food, and recommending that the Report of the Medical Officer of Health thereupon be printed and circulated as usual.

RESOLVED—

That the Report of the Committee, together with the Report of the Medical Officer of Health and the conditions upon which it is recommended that Tenders should be made, be printed and circulated amongst the Commissioners, and the further consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Commission.

HENRY BLAKE,  
*Principal Clerk.*

It is thought that the  
purpose of the present  
investigation is to determine  
the effect of the  
treatment.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The present investigation was conducted  
over a period of six months, during  
which time the following results were  
obtained. The first series of  
experiments was designed to determine  
the effect of the treatment on the  
growth of the plants. It was found  
that the plants treated with the  
solution showed a marked increase  
in height and weight compared with  
the control group. This increase  
was particularly noticeable in the  
first three months of the study.  
The second series of experiments  
was designed to determine the effect  
of the treatment on the yield of the  
plants. It was found that the  
treated plants produced a significantly  
greater yield of fruit than the  
control group. This increase in  
yield was maintained throughout the  
entire period of the study.

The results of the present investigation  
indicate that the treatment has a  
marked effect on the growth and  
yield of the plants. This effect  
is particularly noticeable in the  
first three months of the study.  
The increase in yield of the  
treated plants is particularly  
significant, as it indicates that  
the treatment is effective in  
increasing the productivity of the  
plants. The results of the present  
investigation are in agreement with  
those of other workers, who have  
also found that the treatment has  
a marked effect on the growth and  
yield of the plants. It is therefore  
concluded that the treatment is  
effective in increasing the growth  
and yield of the plants.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMISSIONERS OF  
SEWERS OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

**W**E whose hands are hereunto set, your Sanitary Committee, beg to report relative to the disposal of Meat, &c., condemned in the City of London as unfit for human food ; that prior to the year 1872 it was the practice of the Commissioners to contract from year to year with parties for the removal and destruction of the same.

Upon advertisements for Tenders being issued in that year, at the instance of the Cattle Markets Committee of the Corporation, your Honourable Court were induced to enter into an arrangement by which, for the then ensuing three years, all such Meat, &c., was to be taken to the Foreign Cattle Market at Deptford, and the Commissioners were to receive one-third of the sum realized by the sale of the produce after passing through the digestors at the said Market.

The Cattle Markets Committee were to provide



the men and horses necessary for the removal of the said Meat, &c., and the Commissioners were to provide the carts.

The desirability of having this important work executed with more perfect certitude, that the Condemned Meat would be so effectually destroyed as to prevent the possibility of its being used for food, was strongly urged as a plea for adopting this system.

Under the arrangement thus entered into, the sum of £67 18s. 2d. was paid to the Commissioners as one-third part of the amount realized by the sale of the products of such Condemned Meat to the 31st December, 1873, since when no further amount has been received, the explanation given in answer to an application in July last year for a further settlement being, that the product had not met with a ready sale.

On the 12th September last, the Medical Officer of Health reported that 23 tons of Meat had been con-

demned on the 8th of that month as unfit for human food, and it was referred to us by your Honourable Court to enquire into the circumstances under which so large a quantity of Meat was seized in one day.

From Reports subsequently made to us by the Inspectors of Meat, it appeared that on the day in question a large assignment of American Beef arrived in the Central Meat Market, most of which was in a bad condition, and it being stated that the Meat when taken to Deptford was allowed to remain a considerable time before being destroyed, we directed the Clerk to communicate with the Cattle Markets Committee upon the subject, as it appeared to us that discredit was likely to attach both to that Committee and to the Commissioners from such circumstance.

Recently the Cattle Markets Committee have intimated to us their desire that the arrangement for sending the Condemned Meat to Deptford, which has continued to the present time, should be terminated, it being stated that the Committee are



not able conveniently to dispose of the Condemned Meat at Deptford when it arrives in large quantities.

Under these circumstances we instructed the Medical Officer of Health to consider and report as to the best course of proceeding, and on the 26th of June last we obtained authority from your Honourable Court to print, for the use of your Committee, a lengthy Report from the Medical Officer upon the subject.

Having carefully considered the said Report, and heard the Medical Officer relative to the different modes suggested for disposing of the Condemned Meat, &c., we have deemed it advisable to contract for the removal of such Meat, &c., and as the Markets Committee appeared anxious that the existing arrangement should be terminated as soon as possible, we have caused advertisements to be issued for Tenders, to be received by your Honourable Court this day, from persons who may be desirous of utilizing such Meat, &c., for manurial or manufacturing purposes, for one year from the 29th instant.

It is proposed that the horses, carts, and labour necessary to convey the said Meat, &c., to any suitable place within four miles of the Guildhall shall be provided by the Commission, and under the authority given by your Honourable Court on the 4th February, 1873, we have authorized the Medical Officer to order one van and one cart, as recommended in his Report.

In conclusion, we beg to recommend that the said Report of the Medical Officer of Health be now printed and circulated as usual.

All which we submit to the judgment of your Honourable Court.

Dated this 11th day of September, 1877.

(Signed)	WHINFIELD HORA.
JOHN COX.	FREDERICK COX.
HORACE B. MARSHALL.	J. C. EVANS.
B. BIGGS.	WM. B. GARRETT.



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## APPENDIX.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made this  
day of 1877,

BETWEEN

hereinafter called the Contractor of the one part, and HENRY BLAKE, the Principal Clerk of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for and on their behalf, of the other part :

WHEREBY the said Contractor and the said Henry Blake do hereby mutually agree to and with each other in manner following, that is to say,—

1. And firstly, the said Contractor doth agree that he the said Contractor shall and will for one whole year from the date of this Agreement provide and keep a suitable and proper place within four miles of the Guildhall in the City of London for the reception of all the Meat, Game, Poultry, Fish, and Offal that may be sent to such place by the

Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, or by the Meat Inspectors for the said City, or either of them, and shall and will take and receive the said Meat, Game, Poultry, Fish, and Offal, at such times and at such hours in the day or night as the same may arrive at the Contractor's premises aforesaid.

2. That the said Contractor shall and will at the end of every month pay to the said Commissioners of Sewers at the rate of                    per Stone of 8 lbs. for all such Meat, Game, Poultry, Fish, and Offal so delivered to him as aforesaid.

3. That he the said Contractor shall not nor will at any time during the continuance of this Contract keep, or permit to be kept, in or upon his said premises or elsewhere, any pig or pigs for the purpose of feeding them, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

4. That he the said Contractor shall not in any manner or form use or convert any of the said Meat, Game, Poultry, Fish, or Offal, so delivered to him as aforesaid, into human food, or food for animals, or use or dispose of the same for any such purpose.

5. And secondly, the said Henry Blake doth agree that the said Contractor performing and fulfilling to the satisfac-



tion of the said Commissioners of Sewers all and singular the Agreements herein contained on the part of the said Contractor to be observed and performed, shall and may during the said term of one year, commencing as aforesaid, be entitled to convert into manure, or for purposes other than for human food, or food for animals, for his own use and benefit, all such Meat, Game, Poultry, Fish, and Offal, and all the Bones thereof. And the said Commissioners of Sewers will, for the space of one year, deliver to the said Contractor, at his Works, free of all costs, all such Meat, Game, Poultry, Fish, and Offal.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and it is hereby further agreed between the said parties hereto, that in case the said Contractor shall at any time during the continuance of this Agreement neglect or omit to perform all or any of the articles hereby agreed to be performed by the said Contractor in the manner herein mentioned, then and in such case, and as often as the same shall happen, the said Contractor shall and will forfeit and, within one week after demand in writing, pay to the said Henry Blake the sum of £200 as by way of liquidated damages for every such neglect or omission as aforesaid; PROVIDED ALWAYS, and it is hereby declared and agreed by and between the said parties hereto, that the said Commissioners of Sewers shall



be at liberty to put an end to and absolutely determine this Contract, by giving to the said Contractor, his executors or administrators, or leaving at his Works aforesaid, a notice in writing under the hand of the said Henry Blake of the intention of the said Commissioners of Sewers to so end and determine the same at the expiration of seven days from the date of such notice, and at the expiration of such seven days this Contract shall be absolutely ended and determined accordingly, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, but without prejudice to any of the rights of the said Commissioners of Sewers hereunder, and without affecting any liabilities that he the said Contractor may then be under in respect thereof. IN WITNESS whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first before written.

