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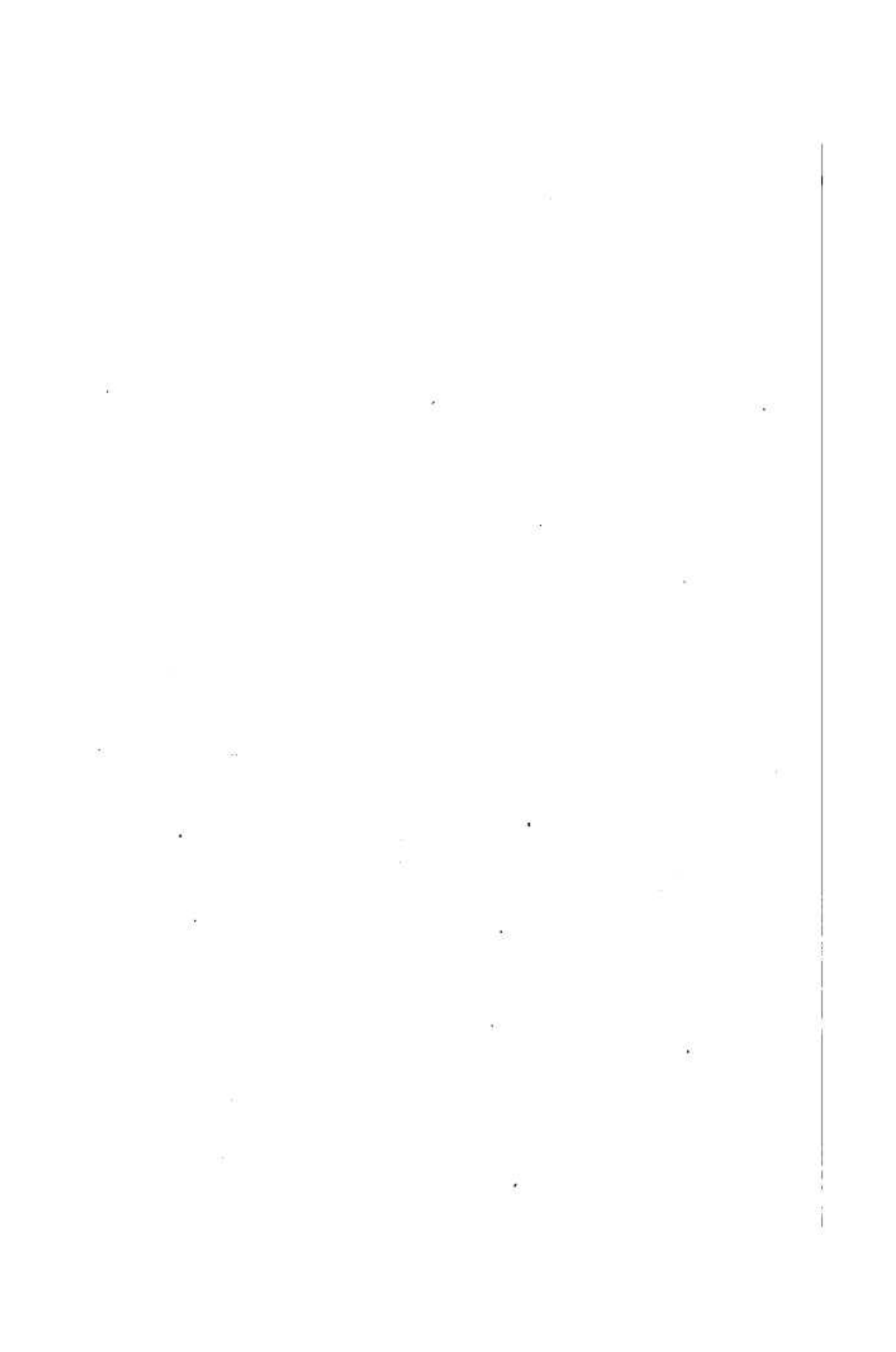
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To His Excellency, Edward F. Dunne, Governor of the State of Illinois:

In compliance with section 1 of the State Food Law of 1907, as amended in 1911, I have the honor to submit to Your Excellency my Third Annual Report, the same being the sixteenth report of the commission.

W. SCOTT MATTHEWS, *Commissioner.*



SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE FOOD DEPARTMENT.

W. Scott Matthews, Commissioner.

Hon. Edward F. Dunne, Governor of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

SIR: I respectfully present my report as Food Commissioner for the year 1915. I shall deal as briefly as possible with the work of the department and summarize the more important results and developments for the year.

During the year 1915, there were received at the department for analysis 6,513 samples; 3,968 of these samples were taken up officially by the inspectors; 250 were sent in by health officers or State's attorneys; 351 analyzed for the State Board of Administration; 103 samples composite herd milk samples; 999 samples from individual cows or herd tests; 945 stock food samples.

Of the 3,968 samples taken up, 1,519 were found to be illegal, or a total of 38.3 per cent.

This shows that 2,449 of the 3,968 official samples taken up met the requirements of the law.

Of the 1,519 illegal samples, persons manufacturing, jobbing or dispensing these goods were either notified to correct the same, where the offense was one that could be corrected and there was no unwholesome ingredient, or they received a notice of hearing, at the department, on the more flagrant violations. As a result of the 1,519 notices to correct or hearings, approximately 1,000 cases were adjusted by the correcting of the illegal labels, or the withdrawing from sale of the illegal articles.

It is the policy of the department that wherever we can, we get the dealer, manufacturer or jobber to voluntarily take back the goods and destroy them (if they should be destroyed), for it is in this manner we save not only time and expense, but we get a corrected condition much more readily than where we go into court and start proceedings to get an order to condemn the goods.

As a result of the hearings, 202 cases were recommended for prosecution. I refer you to the Attorney's Report as to the final outcome of these cases. Three hundred one cases given hearings were dismissed upon agreement to destroy or return to manufacturer the illegal articles. Our inspectors, wherever possible, see the goods sent to the dump or destroyed—if they can be destroyed on the premises. Where they cannot witness the destruction or the hauling to the dump, we make the party give us the receipt from the party who teams the goods away for destruction.

In a city like Chicago, there is an enormous traffic in what are known as "salvage goods"—goods that have been damaged in fires and in wrecks. We have to keep men at these large salvage houses all the time, and it is no exaggeration to say that carloads of illegal foods are