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Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Some days ago Dr. A. B. Macallum, Chairman of the Research Council, received a request from Muskoka to investigate the alleged poisoned rubbers used on jam jars.

Traces of carbolic acid were found all right, but the quantity was so small that a humming bird might have swallowed the whole amount absorbed in one of them and not have suffered even a headache. The carbolic acid or phenol was used for sterilizing purposes, but not in sufficient quantities to kill anything but germs. The officials here are inclined to think that the cases of illness reported are due to the eating of improperly preserved fruit or vegetables, rather than to any dastardly plot of **enemy aliens** to poison the rubber bands.

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