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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2570.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

U. S. v. Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Market. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50.

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF MAPLE SYRUP.

On December 17, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Market, a corporation, Randolph, Vt., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, from the State of Vermont into the District of Columbia of a quantity of syrup which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "Colonial Maple Syrup, prepared expressly for Woodward and Lothrop, Washington, D. C."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Total solids by refractometer, 64.01 per cent; sucrose, 49.26 per cent; invert sugar, 10.88 per cent; total sugar, 60.14 per cent; total ash, 0.64 per cent; Winton lead number, 1.80. This does not appear to be a high-grade syrup. The sugars indicate it to be a syrup which has undergone fermentation and has been reboiled, during which process it was burned. It was alleged in the information that the product consisted of buddy, fermented syrup, which was labeled as set forth above, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not maple syrup but was in fact a by-product of the manufacture of maple syrup and was composed in part of filthy, putrid, and decomposed animal or vegetable substance and was a product known as "buddy" syrup.

On February 25, 1913, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

B. T. GALLOWAY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 10, 1913.*