5348. Adulteration of chestnuts. U. S. * * * v. 4 Bags of Chestnuts.

Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.

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On October 26, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of New Jersey, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 4 bags of chestnuts, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Newark, N. J., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about October 23, 1916, by Wells & Robinson, Thomas, Tenn., and transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of New Jersey, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that 47 per cent of said chestnuts were wormy and moldy.

On November 17, 1916, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. A. Pearson, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.