

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 403, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MISBRANDING OF MAPLE SYRUP.

On or about September 21, 1907, Rigney & Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., shipped from the State of New York to the State of Pennsylvania a quantity of maple syrup. Samples from this shipment were procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and as the findings of the analyst and report made indicated that the product was misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, said Rigney & Company, and the party from whom the samples were procured, were afforded opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the shipment was made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney-General, with a statement of the evidence upon which to base a prosecution.

In due course a criminal information was filed in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of New York charging the above shipment and alleging that the product was misbranded within the meaning of said act because the product was labeled "Colonial Brand Pure Vermont Maple Syrup. We guarantee this syrup to be absolutely free from glucose, preservatives or other adulterants, Rigney & Co., Rutland, Vt. Brooklyn, N. Y.," which label represented the contents of the bottle on which it appeared to be pure Vermont maple syrup, whereas in truth and in fact said contents were not pure maple syrup but contained a large percentage of adulterants.

On March 29, 1910, the defendant pleaded guilty to this information and was fined \$100.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 23, 1910.*

