

payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$1,500, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that it be relabeled in part: "Water 50% Tomatoes 50% * * * These tomatoes were canned with an additional equal amount of water. Packed by Davis Canning Co. Laurel Del. Canned Tomatoes Should Be Packed In Their Own Juice Without Added Water."

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

13166. Misbranding of meat scrap. U. S. v. the American Agricultural Chemical Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10 and costs. (F. & D. No. 19336. I. S. No. 16015-v.)

At the December, 1924, term of the United States District Court, within and for the District of Maryland, the United States attorney for said district, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court aforesaid an information against the American Agricultural Chemical Co., a corporation, Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about March 14, 1924, from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, of a quantity of meat scrap which was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: "Protox Pure Ground Meat Scraps * * * The American Agricultural Chemical Company AA Quality Guaranteed Analysis Protein 55%."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it contained 47.42 per cent of protein.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement, to wit, "Guaranteed Analysis Protein 55%," borne on the sacks containing the said article, was false and misleading, in that the said statement represented that the article contained not less than 55 per cent of protein, and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it contained not less than 55 per cent of protein, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did contain less than 55 per cent of protein, to wit, approximately 47.42 per cent of protein.

On March 9, 1925, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

13167. Adulteration of butter. U. S. v. 16 Cubes of Butter. Product reconditioned and released to claimant. (F. & D. No. 19054. I. S. No. 11697-v. S. No. W-1576.)

On or about September 9, 1924, the United States attorney for the Southern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 16 cubes of butter, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Los Angeles, Calif., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Co., Payette, Idaho, on or about August 6, 1924, and transported from the State of Idaho into the State of California, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that a product deficient in milk fat had been substituted wholly or in part for butter, and for the further reason that a valuable constituent of the article, milk fat, had been partially abstracted therefrom.

On December 10, 1924, the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Co., Payette, Idaho, having appeared as claimant for the property and the product having been reconditioned to conform with the law, an order of the court was entered, providing that the product be released to the claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and that the bond theretofore filed be exonerated.

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

13168. Adulteration of canned sardines. U. S. v. 11½ Cases of Sardines. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 19461. I. S. No. 13208-v. S. No. E-5051.)

On January 9, 1925, the United States attorney for the Northern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 11½ cases of sardines, at Troy, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Seacoast Canning Co., Eastport, Me., on or about September 16, 1924, and transported from the State of Maine into the