

**16330. Adulteration of dressed chickens. U. S. v. 7 Barrels of Dressed Chickens. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. No. 23000. I. S. No. 01940. S. No. 1087.)

On August 18, 1928, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 7 barrels of dressed chickens, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped by R. E. Cobb (Co.), from St. Paul, Minn., July 18, 1928, and transported from the State of Minnesota into the State of Illinois, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

It was alleged in substance in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid substance, in that a portion of the said chickens were emaciated, a portion were green, the infected area extending into the flesh, a portion showed indications of incipient decomposition, and a portion having been insufficiently bled.

On March 19, 1929, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**16331. Misbranding of grapes. U. S. v. Peppers Fruit Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20.** (F. & D. No. 22525. I. S. No. 12660-x.)

On February 14, 1928, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California, 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 Peppers Fruit Co., a corporation, Los Angeles, Calif., trading at Loomis, Calif., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act as amended, on or about October 27, 1926, from the State of California into the State of Colorado, of a quantity of grapes which were misbranded.

It was alleged in the information that the article was misbranded in that it was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On December 14, 1928, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**16332. Adulteration of grapefruit and oranges. U. S. v. Fruit Distributors (Inc.) Plea of guilty. Fine, \$100.** (F. & D. No. 22550. I. S. Nos. 3520-x, 7514-x, 10729-x, 11577-x, 12485-x, 12490-x, 13310-x, 13311-x, 15551-x, 15660-x, 15876-x, 16203-x.)

On June 30, 1928, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Florida, 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 Fruit Distributors (Inc.), a corporation, trading at Jacksonville, Fla., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, between the dates of February 17, 1927, and March 16, 1927, from the State of Florida into the States of Minnesota, Arkansas, Texas, Ohio, Oregon, Kentucky, Maryland, and Georgia, respectively, of quantities of grapefruit and oranges which were adulterated.

It was alleged in the information that the articles were adulterated in that excessively dry fruit had been substituted for grapefruit or oranges, as the case might be, and in that the articles consisted in whole and in part of decomposed vegetable substances.

On December 6, 1928, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$100.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**16333. Adulteration of canned sardines. U. S. v. 6 Cases of Sardines. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. No. 23013. I. S. No. 02843. S. No. 1101.)

On August 23, 1928, 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 seizure and condemnation of 6 cases of sardines at Albany, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped by H. F. Sawyer & Son, Vinalhaven, Me., June 28, 1928, and transported from the State of Maine into the State of New York, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Three Star Brand \* \* \* Sardines, \* \* \* packed by H. F. Sawyer & Son Vinalhaven Maine"