

25339. Adulteration of currants. U. S. v. 8 Crates of Currants. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. no. 36301. Sample nos. 33726-B, 33738-B.)

The currants involved in this action were contaminated with arsenic and lead. On August 1, 1935, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of eight crates of currants at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about July 24, 1935, by Ben Litowich, from Benton Harbor, Mich., and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

The article was labeled in part: "August Weber R-3 Berrien Springs Mich." The article was alleged to be adulterated in that it contained added poisonous and deleterious ingredients, arsenic and lead, in amounts which might have rendered it injurious to health.

On October 3, 1935, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered that the product be destroyed.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

25340. Adulteration of apples. U. S. v. 54 Baskets of Apples. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. no. 36320. Sample nos. 44518-B, 44520-B.)

Examination of the apples involved in this case showed the presence of lead in an amount that might have rendered them injurious to health.

On July 24, 1935, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 54 baskets of apples at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about July 23, 1935, by Raymond Huff, from Mullica Hill, N. J., and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

The article was alleged to be adulterated in that it contained an added poisonous or deleterious ingredient, lead, which might have rendered it harmful to health.

On August 16, 1935, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered that the product be destroyed.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

25341. Adulteration of canned salmon. U. S. v. 5,023 Cases, et al., of Canned Salmon. Consent decree of condemnation. Product released under bond. (F. & D. nos. 36315, 36357, 36476. Sample nos. 26560-B, 31393-B, 31398-B, 31400-B, 37580-B, 38085-B, 38087-B, 38088-B, 38095-B, 40529-B, 40562-B, 40802-B, 40803-B.)

These cases involved canned salmon which was in part decomposed.

On September 11, September 17, and October 14, 1935, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court libels praying seizure and condemnation of 9,522 cases of canned salmon at Seattle, Wash., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce by the Berg Packing Co., from Ketchikan, Alaska; that two shipments had arrived at Seattle, Wash., on or about August 7 and August 19, 1935, respectively; that the remaining two shipments had been made from Ketchikan, Alaska, on or about August 15 and August 19, 1935, respectively, and that the article was adulterated in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

The libels charged adulteration of a portion of the article in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed animal substance and of the remainder in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed and putrid animal substance.

On September 17, September 21, and October 22, 1935, the Berg Packing Co., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libels and having consented to the entry of decrees, judgments of condemnation were entered and it was ordered that the product be released under bond conditioned that it should not be disposed of in violation of the Federal Food and Drugs Act and that it be brought into conformity with the law under the supervision of this Department.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*