

"will be clearly indicated while genuine Maple Syrup is quite safe "from being adjudged as other than it is." Unquestionably this shows some progress in the analysis of alleged maple products; but the words we have emphasized show that it falls far short of such a standard as would enable a system of inspection by analysis to afford the public the protection to which they are entitled.

And it must be remembered that the consumer, while not the greatest sufferer by the adulteration of maple products, is more directly cheated and robbed in the operation.

Cane sugar, beet sugar, and glucose may be perfectly wholesome articles of food, but the vendor who sells these things under the pretence that they are the more expensive maple product is just as much a thief as the man who sells oleomargarine, another perfectly wholesome article of food, under the pretence that it is the more expensive article called butter, or who sells water, another perfectly wholesome article of food, under the pretence that he is selling the more expensive article called milk.

The Law in Canada

The Foods Adulteration Act fully recognized this principle. Here are some of its definitions of "adulteration."

"Food shall be deemed to be 'adulterated' within the meaning of "the Act:—

"If any substance has been mixed with it so as to reduce or lower "or injuriously affect its quality or strength."

"If any inferior or cheaper substance has been substituted wholly "or in part for the article;

"If it is an imitation or is sold under the name of another article,

"If its strength or purity falls below the standard, or its constituents are present in quantity not within the limits of variability "fixed by the Governor-in-Council as hereinafter provided."

It is not too much to say that in the greater part of the so-called maple syrup, maple sugar and maple "compounds," manufactured in the big cities; ADULTERATION GOES BEYOND THE STAGE OF ADULTERATION, AND BECOMES VIRTUALLY SUBSTITUTION. The greater part of the stuff turned out in Montreal, and much of it retailed in Montreal, and all the large cities in Canada although not discovered by the government inspectors, was never within miles of a sugar bush.

In most cases, the attempt at deception is obvious. This is thoroughly recognized by the Hon. Sydney Fisher, who in the bulletin of the Department of Agriculture already quoted, says:

"One of the most objectionable features of adulteration lies in "the use of the word maple on labels of the cans. This word is in