

'Maple' or any compounding of this word as the name or part of the name of the syrup or sugar or any device or illustration suggestive of maple syrup or sugar or the manufacture thereof, shall upon conviction, be punished as provided in section 6 of this Act.

"Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, and shall pay the costs of prosecution."

The Vermont State law has one improvement on this in that it provides that one half of the fine, on conviction shall go to the complainant. This encourages the private initiative of legal proceedings for the protection of the public interest.

The Humors of the Canadian Syrup Trade

There is a joke for you under every pebble on the beach if you will take the trouble to turn it over and if you know a joke when you see one.

Once upon a time a benevolent manufacturer of maple compounds, in the fullness of his heart resolved to give a gold or silver medal annually to two of the leading exhibitors. He decided that the most beneficial form that the endowment could take would be to bestow the medal upon the best collection of syrups, sugars and confections more or less connected with the maple industry *comprised in a certain list*. Although virtue is proverbially its own reward, it is not always its only reward. He happened to be the only manufacturer who produced all the articles mentioned on that list, and consequently he won his own medals year after year. Now he is the proud possessor of several gold medals rather larger than a ten cent piece. Too modest to wear them on state occasions and at social functions he prints pictures of them all, obverse and reverse, on his syrup labels, bearing the suggestive declaration, "The World's Verdict," and with becoming pride he announces that his various brands "have obtained more 'Highest awards' than all other brands combined in Canada, Great Britain, Europe and the Orient."

Five years ago a trade paper reported him as remarking that "too much free advice and comment by unqualified parties on the subject of maple syrup, would have a tendency to create undue suspicion and prejudice against maple products generally, in the public mind."

He went on to say: "The facts are that at the demand of the consumer nine tenths of the maple sweets consumed in different forms are consumed only because they are blended with milder flavored sugars, and such will undoubtedly be the case in the future, regardless of how the goods are labelled. This is easily explained when it is