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STRAINED HONEY.

OTTAWA, October 4, 1910.

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Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue.

SIR,—I beg to hand you a report upon 148 samples purchased in June and July of this year, as Strained Honey. The collection represents all parts of the Dominion.

Three samples purchased in Montreal, are labelled as compound. Section 30 of the Adulteration Act forbids the sale of imitations of honey, and a circular (G.862 was issued by the department, and dated Jan. 20, 1909, as follows:—

'Under Section 30 of the 'Adulteration Act' the manufacture, sale or offering for sale in Canada of any imitation of honey or sugar honey or other substitute for honey is strictly forbidden. The provisions of Section 24 of the said Act respecting the use of the word 'mixture' does not apply to honey and any production or sale of this article as a compound is absolutely prohibited.'

The punishment for an offence against the provisions of Section 30, above referred to, is determined by Section 164 of the Criminal Code and consists in the liability to a term of imprisonment for one year.' It appears from correspondence with vendors that the sale of compound honey has been due to ignorance of the existence of any prohibition in the case.

With regard to the remaining 145 samples, decision as to their genuineness will depend upon the constants accepted as limits of variability for true honey. This important matter has more than once been brought to the notice of those interested by the late Chief Analyst, in Bulletin 90 (1903), and by myself in Bulletin 145 (1908). In November, 1908, I addressed the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association at Toronto, upon the subject of standards for honey, and, in consequence the following letter was forwarded to the Deputy Minister.

ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
TORONTO, November 30, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to transmit you herewith copy of resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association held in Toronto, November 11-13.

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