

Which is not pure maple sugar or pure maple syrup shall be labelled or marked in such manner as is likely to make persons believe it is pure maple sugar or pure maple syrup.

If I understand the Bill, it tends to prevent the use of the word "maple" or "érable" in any shape and seems to cover the point raised by my hon. friend, if I understood him properly.

Mr. DEMERS (Translation): I differ from the minister and am still convinced that if we wish the Bill to attain its object, the word "pure" must be omitted in lines 6 and 7.

Mr. BLONDIN (Translation): There is no harm in adopting the amendment of the hon. member from St. John and Iverville, and I move that the word "pure" be omitted as he has indicated.

Mr. BUREAU (Translation): Why?

Mr. BUREAU (Translation): We prohibit the use by the merchant of the word "maple" or "érable" on his articles, unless they be pure, but as the Bill reads, the provision apparently would not apply to the crates; in other words, the Bill does not mention the crate containing the tins the contents of which may be adulterated.

Mr. BUREAU (Translation): In subsection 3, we omit the words, "resembles maple sugar or maple syrup and which." Would it not be better to omit all the words up to "and any article" in the seventh line, because the words contained in the Bill between the second and seventh lines have been put there only in case you should have allowed the sale of certain mixtures or imitations of maple syrup?

Mr. BURNHAM: I do not wish to disturb the hilarity of the meeting; but any one who knows anything about maple syrup knows that maple syrup may be pure yet disgusting. Maple syrup drawn from trees that grow on low ground is simply putrid. If, therefore, the minister wishes to guarantee to the public that the maple syrup shall be good, he will have to adopt some other method than simply to say that it shall be pure.

Mr. BUREAU: Subsection 3 says:

Except as herein otherwise provided, the word "maple" shall not be used, either alone or in combination with any other word or words, or letter or letters, on the label or other mark, illustration or device on a package containing

any article of food, or on any article of food itself which resembles maple sugar or maple syrup and which is not pure maple sugar or pure maple syrup.

Why not strike out the words, "resembles maple sugar or maple syrup and which?"

Mr. BLONDIN: I beg to move:

1. That section 1 be amended to read as follows:

1. Section 29a of the Adulteration Act, chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes, 1906, as enacted by chapter 19 of the statutes of 1914, is repealed and the following is substituted therefor:

"29a. No person shall manufacture for sale, keep for sale, offer or expose for sale, or sell, any article of food resembling or being an imitation of maple sugar or maple syrup, or which is composed partly of maple sugar or maple syrup and which is not pure maple sugar or pure maple syrup.

2. Any maple sugar or maple syrup which is not up to the standard prescribed by the sixth schedule to this Act, or, if such standard is changed by the Governor in Council, to such standard as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe, shall be deemed to be adulterated within the meaning of this Act.

3. The word 'maple' shall not be used, either alone or in combination with any other word or words, or letter or letters, on the label or other mark, illustration or device on a package containing any article of food, or on any article of food itself, which is not pure maple sugar or pure maple syrup, and no package containing any article of food, or any article of food itself, which is not pure maple sugar or pure maple syrup, shall be labelled or marked in such manner as is likely to make persons believe is pure maple sugar or pure maple syrup, and any article of food labelled or marked in violation of this subsection shall be deemed to be adulterated within the meaning of this Act."

Mr. BRODER: Would the standard referred to permit the use of any other sugar with maple sugar? When maple sugar is analysed, one cannot say whether other sugars are in it or not, because the ingredients are the same in both cases. That is a difficulty that has to be overcome.

Mr. BLONDIN: I have here the standards for maple sugar and maple syrup, which I can hand to my hon. friend.

Mr. BRODER: I shall be glad to have them.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. BLONDIN: I move that the word "pure" be struck out in the sixth line before the words "maple sugar" and the word "pure" in the seventh line before the words "maple syrup."

Amendment agreed to.