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NATIVE WINE

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SIR.—I beg to submit herewith a report upon one hundred and eighty seven (187) samples purchased as *Native Wine*, in January, February and March of this year. These have been obtained at various points throughout the Dominion, and it may be fairly assumed that they represent the article as sold in Canada.

No extensive inspection of Native Wine has been made by this Department since 1908 (See Bulletin No. 160). Meantime the article has been tentatively and partially defined by Order in Council of February 8, 1911 as follows:

1. Wine is the product of the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound ripe grapes, neat, or variously modified, and followed by a proper cellar treatment.

2. All beverages sold or offered for sale as Wine shall be distinctly labelled to show the place of their production; and shall meet the requirements for wine, which are established by law in the place of their production.

3. Wine made in any part of Canada shall be labelled in such a way as to show the locality in which it has been produced. The specific name of such locality together with the names of the makers, shall be held to be a legal description of the article.

NOTE.—The defining of types of Canadian made Wines is postponed until sufficient data have been secured.

The present inspection has for one chief object, an attempt to secure data which might serve to classify the various types of native wines. Many of these are called ports, other evidently aim at the claret type. Most of them are merely described as *Wine*; and a few of these are fairly dry; i.e. contain but little residual sugar.

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