

26. New. The limitation period as provided in the *Criminal Code* and which is applicable to the present Act is six months. This period has been found too short in many instances where somewhat elaborate analyses are required to be made.

27. New. This provision is usual in legislation of this kind and facilitates the trial of offences where jurisdictional or geographical difficulties may be presented.

28. (1) Section 24 Revised. Section 24 makes want of knowledge a defence in connection with the sale of any article of food or drug that is adulterated or misbranded.

The provision in the Bill limits the defence to packaged articles which are sold in the same package and in the same condition as originally purchased and where the contravention could not be ascertained with reasonable diligence. The Bill does not make provision for charging in the same proceedings the person from whom the article was originally purchased as this frequently involves a series of commercial transactions including the manufacturer, the wholesaler, jobbers and the retailer with consequent jurisdictional difficulties.

(2) This requires notice of such defence being given to the prosecutor together with disclosure of the name and address of the person from whom the article was purchased and the date thereof. This would permit of an investigation with appropriate proceedings being taken where necessary.

29. (1) Section 13 Revised.