

pretty well what he means and what he expects to get; *he really has some knowledge of it*. In regard to WHISKY, I think he has *no knowledge*.

Moreover, there is this great difference: that all the other articles referred to are foodstuffs. Olive-oil is a food. Butter is a food. Maple-syrup is a food. But WHISKY is neither a food nor is it a drug; *nor is it consumed on any other basis than that of its flavor and alcoholic strength*.¹

Mr. Hough: I think you testified something as to the opinion of the public on the whisky subject. Do you know what the opinions of the leading *chemists* are on the subject?

Mr. Schidrowitz: Well, I think that the opinion of chemists other than the *small number* who have devoted any special consideration to this matter—and *that number is a very small one*—is not worth much more than that of *any other* intelligent member of the public; but the chemists I come in contact with generally in England, (and I think I may say some chemists over here), I think a *very large* proportion of them consider merely that WHISKY is a spirit distilled from grain * * *

Mr. Hough: Are NEUTRAL SPIRITS as you have heard them described here, and WHISKY as you have heard Doctor Wiley define it, "like substances?"

Mr. Schidrowitz: *I think so, decidedly*.

Mr. Hough: Why?

Mr. Schidrowitz: They are both alcoholic spirits derived from grain, and in my opinion *there is no radical difference in principle between them*.

The Solicitor-General: Your definition of WHISKY is either confined or extended—I do not care which it is—to an article made by a process thus far used in making what is sold as WHISKY? Do I get that correctly?

Mr. Schidrowitz: Yes; I think that is accurate. What I meant by that is this: That I wished to describe WHISKY *as it is to-day, not what it may be*. I do not like to bind myself to any hard and fast definition. I have been trying to do this

¹Is not the flavor a matter which every consumer wishes to decide for himself, without assistance from Doctor Wiley or anyone else?

²Contrast with Doctor Wiley's testimony. (Chapter XII—question 7).