

COMPETITION BREEDS ADULTERATION.

The adulteration of articles of food was never before carried on to the extent it is at present, and in spite of the measures taken to suppress it, it seems to be gradually on the increase. The eighth annual report of the Dairy and Food Commissioners of Ohio for this year gives many interesting facts regarding the adulteration of food products, some of which are as follows:—

Cinnamon consisted of starch, flour, crackers and foreign bark with a sprinkling of cassia.

Cloves contained wheat flour, ground shells and clove stems.

Coffee consisted of wheat bran pellets, chicory, peas, bread, rye, steatite and yellow ochre, graphite and copper.

Ginger, of rice flour, rice hulls and turmeric.

Maple syrup, of glue and glucose.

Jellies, of glucose, salicylic acid, sugar starch, paste and artificial color, but no fruit.

Rock candy syrups, of glucose colored with molasses.

Mustard, of wheat flour and turmeric, but no mustard.

Olive oil, of 100 per cent. cottonseed oil.

Ground pepper, of roasted cocoanut shells, rice, turmeric, bread, bran and buckwheat.

Vinegar, of acetic acid and caramel.

Cidar, of tartaric acid, salicylic acid and color.

Wine, of tartaric and salicylic acids, glucose and boracic acid.

Black pepsin, of salt, annatto and rennet.

Cod liver oil, of cottonseed oil, iodine, glycerine and fish oil, but no cod liver.

Quinine, of sugar, white clay and sulphuric acid.

Honey, of water, sugar and dextrine.

Chocolate, of cane sugar, cocoa butter and corns arch.

Malt extract, of beer sweetened with cane sugar.

Coffee essence, of cocoa shells, corn meal and chicory.

It appears that there is a determined effort on the part of the Ohio authorities to stamp out these adulterated food products, the Dairy and Food Commissioner of Cincinnati having entered a number of suits against retailers for selling adulterated goods. The parties sued claim that the manufacturers of some of these goods which live in other States are the ones who should be prosecuted; but the Commissioner holds that as he has no jurisdiction over parties domiciled outside the State of Ohio, he must hold the retailers responsible, and they must seek redress as best they can from the manufacturers.

If some such stringent measures were taken in other States and in Canada, against the sale of adulterated food products, the public health would be much better protected than it is at present.—*Trade Bulletin.*

COMPRESSED TEA IN TABLOIDS.

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SAN FRANCISCO COAL TRADE.

J. W. Harrison's latest San Francisco coal report dated February 9, says: "Since the departure of steamer Arawa the following vessels have arrived from Newcastle, N. S. W., viz.—Riverdale, 3,638 tons, Almore, 3,000 tons, Celtic Race, 2,867 tons, Carleton, 1,957 tons, Buteshire, 2,976 tons, Chehalis, 1,030 tons, Lyderhorne, 4,099 tons, Poltallock, 3,689 tons, Inverkip, 2,337 tons, Euphrosyne, 2,811 tons, Metropolis, 2,662 tons; total 31,066 tons. The quantity above is more than double the amount that arrived from the Colonies in the prior 30 days, still the stocks on hand are not excessive, showing the winter demand for Australian grades to have been liberal. There are engaged to load and en route which should arrive within the next four months, about 65,000 tons, this with the stocks on hand, should be ample for our requirements within that time. The most recently quoted freight rates from Newcastle show no decline, in fact they are if anything a little firmer; tonnage is not plentiful, hence owners

anticipate getting full figures for their ships. With the present dismal outlook locally for grain freights, this port is not a seductive one for vessels to seek, unless they receive generous rates inward on coal, etc.

British Columbia is supplying us freely with their output, with all the carrying capacity procurable; this month two large steamers will be added to the list of carriers which will prove an acquisition, as tonnage (sail and steam) have been in demand for some time past, at full freight rates.

B. C. DIRECTORY, 1895.

The COMMERCIAL JOURNAL is in receipt of a copy of the B. C. Directory for 1895. The book is well compiled and all the information is arranged so as to be easily got at, besides having the towns and settlements in alphabetical order, there is a most complete index at beginning of the book. The work is becoming more reliable and useful year by year and should find a place in every office, library and reading-room in the Dominion.

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