

New Customs Regulations.

The following circular has been issued by the Canadian customs department relating to regulations as to invoices and entries of customs laws.

The invoice produced for entry at the customs house shall be an invoice from the person, firm or corporation selling the goods. It must be properly certified and shall show the actual price charged by the consignor for the goods, including the cost of coverings of any kind and all charges and expenses incident to placing the goods in condition, packed ready for shipment to Canada.

Goods exported to Canada from any country, and passing in transit through another country, shall be valued for duty as if imported direct from such first mentioned country, subject to following conditions:

The bill of lading shall show the ultimate destination of the goods to be a port in Canada, without any contingency of diversion.

The said bill of lading or a certified copy and such further evidence as the collector may require, together with a proper invoice of the goods, shall be produced by the importer to the collector of customs at the port of entry, provided that a customs certificate showing the transshipment of the goods in a British or foreign port may be required by the collector as further evidence, provided also that any original bill of lading may be returned if a statement containing the material facts set forth in the bill of lading be filed with the collector.

Goods subject to an ad valorem duty, not imported in conformity with these regulations, shall be valued at their fair market value as sold for home consumption in the last country, whence the goods were transported into Canada.

Until 1st September next the collectors may use discretion in respect to the production of bills of lading when other proof is furnished.

To The Theory of Concentrated Food Preparations.

We intend to give hereafter a few useful indications, taught by a two years' practical experience, for the use of those practitioners, who are giving the concentrated food preparations and food remedies an extensive trial in cases of defective nutrition and wasting diseases.

As to the question of the advisability

of administering meat-powder preparations (Somatose, Trouette and Perrot's, etc.) or different kinds of beef-extracts in cases presenting a certain liability to some form of toxic elements as: tuberculosis, diabetes, general debility, hæmorrhage or after surgical operations, etc., etc.; where, as Dr. Mendelssohn puts it, "We see bodily and mental lassitude, inability to perform well the acts of digestion, an enfeebled action of the heart and general relaxation of all the tissues"—their danger of toxic action will be well understood, if we consider the absolute impossibility for all those numerous manufacturers, to be constantly supplied in any quantity with the best and freshest meat.

Common sense itself, moreover, would seem to teach us, that an extract from the tissues of a dead and decomposing animal is about the last thing that ought to be allowed in the above-named cases. It is believed by Professor Graeme Hammond, of New York City (New England Medical Monthly), that generally injection of too much nitrogen in the form of meat leads to bacterial putrefaction. This perhaps is able to explain why severe diabetes becomes worse after an exclusive flesh meat diet, when such is continued too long. F. Blumenthal (Jour. Amer. Med. Assoc. Jour., 1900), found in those diabetes even the formation of sugar from meat albuminoids increased.

All this seems to speak very much in favor of a concentrated, purely vegetable proteid, such as "Protose," so successfully introduced since 1898 here, in Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Chicago, etc.

The well-known gynecologist, Dr. Coeurx Frévoist, of Ottawa, is just terminating in the St. Luke's Hospital, a whole series of interesting experiments, consisting in feeding a number of patients after abdominal operations, from the very first day after laparotomy, with "Protose" exclusively, and expresses himself highly satisfied with the results, all the patients having well assimilated this food, without any nausea or other disturbance, which usually follows the use of even weak tea or beef tea in the operated.

Dr. Dane, of Winnipeg, has again obtained a striking improvement in a severe case of diabetes, treated in St. Boniface Hospital, and put exclusively on the "Protose" treatment, and a great many Montreal physicians continue prescribing it in different forms of dyspepsia, anæmia, and in corpulency with the best results.

The seeming contradiction, that the

same food preparation is increasing the bodily weight of emaciated patients, while reducing that of an over-stout one, is easily explained, when it is borne in mind that during treatment the former are allowed fats, cream, pastry and sugar, whereas the latter are forbidden to use these.

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Leisure Moments.

Physician—You should repose on the right side only in order to enjoy a good night's rest. It is positively injurious to lie on both sides.

Patient—But how can I help it, doctor? You seem to have overlooked the fact that I am a lawyer.

Guest (at hotel)—"I want another room."

Clerk—"Why, what's the matter with the one you have?"

Guest—Oh, the room is all right, but it has a fire escape. I want one without."

Clerk—"I fail to see why you object to a fire escape."

Guest—"Well, I'll tell you why. Last night the fire all escaped from the room, and I almost froze."

Jem—"Who's our foremost general, Tom?"

Tom—"Well, judging from the advertisements in this paper, I should say General Debility."—Comic Cuts.

Fussy Man (hurrying into a newspaper office)—I've lost my spectacles somewhere, and I want to advertise for them, but I can't see to write without them, you know.

Advertising Clerk (likely to be general manager some day)—I will write that ad. for you, sir. Any marks on them?

Fussy Man—Yes, yes. Gold-rimmed, lenses different focus, and letters L. O. C. on inside. Insert it three times.

Advertising Clerk—Yes, sir. One dollar, please.

Fussy Man—Here it is.

Advertising Clerk—Thanks. It gives me, sir, great pleasure to inform you, sir, that your spectacles are on the top of your head.

Fussy Man—My stars! So they are. Why didn't you say so before?

Advertising Clerk—Business before pleasure, you know.